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VICTOR PRECINCT RESIDENTS VOTE ON ANNEXATION TUESDAY

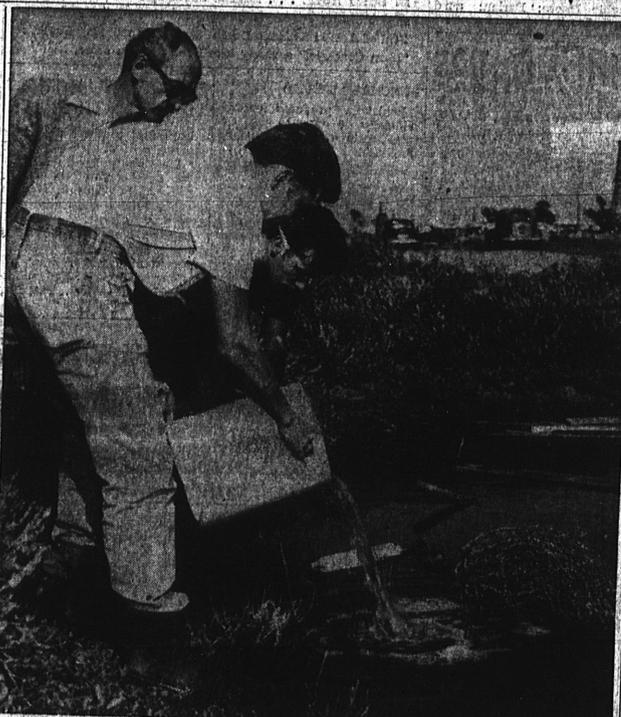
Work on Plant To Start Soon

Construction will begin early this summer on an aluminum foil plant on the former Pacific Electric Co. property at Dominguez and Crenshaw, it was announced this week by J. Louis Reynolds, executive vice president of the Reynolds Metals Co. Plans announced by Reynolds scheduled limited operation by the end of this year with the full plant in operation early in 1957.

The proposed new Torrance industry will be housed in an ultra-modern plant and will be able to produce foil in widths up to 60 inches. Products will include the company's famous Reynolds' Wrap line of household foils as well as other laminated materials for packaging and fabricated from aluminum. Announcement of the negotiations for the former P.E. site for the new Reynolds plant was first announced in THE HERALD more than a year ago.

Last November this newspaper again carried exclusive stories about the final sale of the huge industrial site, on which one of Torrance's earliest industries had been located for approximately 40 years.

Potential employment at the new plant has been estimated by reliable sources near 2000 persons. Rebuilding the property to suit the needs of Reynolds will cost several million dollars, according to early estimates.



MOSQUITOES DOOMED... Emil Berti, member of the Los Angeles County Health Department's bureau of sanitation, watches while park employee Dave Bishop and Bill Reeves dump mosquito fish on pond on Ocean Ave. in the Walteria Lake area. Other reservoirs and slumps were planted with the tiny fish which thrive on mosquitoes as part of the county's abatement program.

About 200 Eligible In Voting

Voters of the unincorporated County area generally referred to as the Victor Precinct will go to the polls in their area Tuesday to decide whether they wish to become part of the city of Torrance.

The area represented in the vote is bounded by Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance Blvd., Del Amo Blvd. and the Redondo Beach city limits.

If passed by a majority of those voting, the square mile area would be added to Torrance's western boundary and would round out the city's total area at about 20 square miles.

Advantages Listed
A number of advantages to annexation have been advanced by Torrance city officials.

In a letter sent to all registered voters in the area recently, Planning Director George Powell listed city services which the residents would be eligible for by annexation. Included among these were fire and police protection, street maintenance, sewer, recreation and parks, planning, zoning, business opportunities, library facilities, building inspection, garbage pickup, water, sewerage and noncombustible disposal services.

The large County Island is now dependent on Lennox-based Sheriff patrols for its police protection and the Lomita and Lomita fire stations for fire protection.

The City Council and members of the Planning Commission have endorsed the plan to annex the area.

Pending Tuesday's election, requests for use permits submitted to the County offices from property owners in the area have been held in abeyance. Several requests now are on file with the County seeking permission to establish stock feeding farms, junk yards, and other uses which might be denied if the area is annexed and the residents demand different zoning for the city.

The Planning Commission has already said it will agree to an M-1 (light manufacturing) zone for the area if that is what the people desire, according to Powell.

Approximately 200 voters are eligible to cast their ballots Tuesday. Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Results will be made known at THE HERALD office, FA 8-4000, as soon as available.

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GUNNING FOR VOTES... Senator Estes Kefauver gets ready to bear down on California voters in his bid to win the state's Democratic party delegates to the National Convention. He spoke to members of the Harbor Area press corps yesterday afternoon in San Pedro and then gave a major campaign address here in the Civic Auditorium last night. See late edition in this edition of THE HERALD.

Six Injured In Rash of Crashes

Six persons were injured here in recent accidents, one of them critically, police have reported.

Dwight H. Merwin, 45, of Lakewood, received critical injuries early Monday morning when cars driven by him and Albert T. Almeida, 17, of 5202 W. 182nd St., collided on 182nd St., near Bailey Dr.

Merwin and Almeida, both were taken to Harbor General Hospital. Merwin was said to be in critical condition with head injuries Monday, but was transferred Wednesday to a Bellflower hospital. Almeida was released from the hospital yesterday.

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Blount Blasts Attack on Drale

Councilman Willys G. Blount lashed out at the mayor here this week and charged that he was "crucifying to the best of your knowledge and ability a man who has served the city of Torrance and served the city of Torrance well."

Blount's remarks were directed at the actions of Mayor Albert Isen and his supporters on the Council, Victor Bonstead and Robert Jahn, who have questioned Nick Drale's refusal to enter discussions and vote on tract maps where he served as the real estate broker on the original sale of the land. Drale says he has no further interest in the tracts.

Gains Nothing
Blount labeled the action as "purely personal," and said it was gaining nothing for the status of the Council in the state or among the neighboring communities.

The dispute started back on March 20 when Drale asked to be excused from consideration of a north Torrance tract.

"I'm adopting a new policy," Mayor Isen announced. "I'm going to vote 'No' on any tract where a Councilman excuses himself from voting without pointing the reason."

He has reiterated that statement and has refused to vote for three tracts on which Drale has declined to vote.

Ruling Made
City Attorney James M. Hall presented a formal ruling to the Council on the matter last Tuesday stating that Drale's actions were proper within the provisions of the Government Code which guides municipal officers.

The ruling and three related tract proposals were tabled for a week after Hall said he had requested an informing opinion from the League of California Cities.

Blount's remarks came later during a communication from the Councilmen. He started out with his statement by reading Hall's written opinion, which had not been read or discussed earlier in the audience to have it read.

In another matter which might turn up controversy, the formal approval of the rezoning of the Carson-Crenshaw corner where McDonald Bros. are now building an industrial subdivision was held over to determine liabilities of the Councilmen on the matter if the ordinance is not approved. The Council voted to approve the rezoning prior to the election when former Mayor Mervin M. Schwab joined Blount and Drale in the rezoning.

The Council also voted 9-2, with Blount and Drale dissenting, to enter condemnation proceedings against 50 acres of industrial property north of the Civic Center for a park site.

Fish Stocked To Feast On Pests

Residents of the south Torrance area, who have been protesting vigorously to the County Health Department for some time that bodies of water have served as breeding grounds for pesky mosquitoes, may rest assured the problem has been dealt with.

Health department employees, and the Torrance Recreation and Parks Department spent Monday in the area stocking eight drainage basins with small fish that thrive on mosquito eggs and larvae. The fish, called Gambusia but more commonly known as "mosquito fish," were obtained free from the Lakewood Country Club in Long Beach.

About 10,000 of the tiny fish were dumped in the basins. David W. Collett, chief sanitarian for the county for this area, said.

Areas Listed
The water areas that were stocked include basins at 226th St. and Ocean Ave.; 228th St. and Ladsense; 228th St. and Anza Ave.; 228th St. and Kathryn; Susana Ave. and Sunnyview St.; Vista del Parque near Pacific Coast Hwy.; Palos Verdes Blvd. and Torrance Blvd.; and Maple and Opal Sts.

Collett and Emil Berti, who is the health department inspector for the Torrance area, said they had received a number of complaints from residents about an abundance of mosquitoes in south Torrance.

It was found the pests were breeding chiefly in the basins which catch run-off water from new housing tracts.

Without Cost
They said the stocking was accomplished without cost, since the Lakewood golf course has thousands of the fish stocked in its various water traps. The fish are given free to the county for distribution in areas that need quick relief from the mosquito problem.

The "mosquito fish" are viviparous, that is, they give birth to living young, instead of laying eggs. They produce three to eight broods a season, depending on the food supply and climate, with an average of about 40 per brood. The young fish reach maturity in three to four months.

When full grown, the males are about an inch long, while the females grow to about 1 1/2 inches long.

Registrations Reach 25,989 For June Vote

A record 25,989 voters have registered for the June 6 primary elections in Torrance, according to figures received this week by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.

Of the total, Democrats maintain a healthy lead with 13,278 registered voters while the Republicans have 9,768.

The new registration totals, compiled by County Registrar Benjamin S. Hite, show an increase in eligibility to vote of more than 4000 since registration for the municipal elections closed in February.

The Democrats have gained 2488 over their April registration of 12,807; the Republicans have gained 1644.

The complete registration breakdown for Torrance:

Democrats 13,278
Republicans 9,768
Prohibition 8
Miscellaneous 224
Decline to State 726
Total 25,989

Democrats easily outnumbered the Republicans in the 17th Congressional District, now represented in Congress by Cecil R. King, a Democrat. Democrats registered 146,013 in the District while the Republicans registered 87,087. Total in the area is 240,500.

Other cities in the area also are showing record voter registrations. Total registrations include:
Redondo Beach 15,442
Manhattan Beach 12,776
Hermosa Beach 6,835
Palos Verdes 3,203

Plan Two-Day Dedication For Civic Center

Plans for a two-day ceremony to dedicate the new civic center at Torrance Blvd. and Maple Ave. on Aug. 31 and 12 were revealed here this week.

Heading up the attractions will be a huge parade under the direction of Sgt. D. C. Cook of the Torrance Police Dept. who organized the Christmas parade in Torrance last December.

The celebration will be a three-fold event, newsmen were told in a press conference with city officials Monday.

It will be Governor's Day, with Governor Goodwin Knight the guest of honor. It will also be National Guard Day, and will coincide with the Torrance unit's departure for the two weeks of summer training at Camp Roberts, according to Capt. Douglas Horlander, commanding the unit.

In addition to the official ceremonies, a rodeo is planned for both days.

Stevenson Due Here Tomorrow

Adlai Stevenson, candidate for the Democratic nomination for President, will be in Torrance area tomorrow morning during his whirlwind tour of the Southland to seek support in the June 5 primaries where he will oppose Senator Estes Kefauver. Stevenson's itinerary in Torrance has not been announced.

CHAMBER TO SALUTE NEW BETHLEHEM STEEL PLANT

A salute to one of Torrance's new and important industries will be given at the monthly Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting Tuesday at the Y.W.C.A. building.

President John A. Ebbinghouse will preside at the meeting and will present F. C. Todd Jr., manager of Bethlehem Pacific's Torrance facility. Other officials of the company will be present and a highlight of the program will be a new sound color motion picture with the title "Men, Steel and Earthquakes."

Directors of the Chamber are bringing guests to the event and they urge a good attendance as a special recognition to the new Bethlehem plant. Reservations at \$1.25 may be made by telephoning the Chamber headquarters, FA 8-2814.

Men Charged With Burglary

Two Torrance men who were questioned recently by detectives in connection with a number of burglaries and stick-ups here have been booked on two counts of burglary, police said this week.

Glen Nance, 20, of 21709 Delores St., and Jay Grigsby, 25, of 1460 W. 182nd St., have been charged with entering the home of Al Carey, 17219 Wilkie, and taking a camera. The second count of burglary resulted from a burglary in Gardena, police stated.

The two are being held by Gardena authorities for prosecution.

Frank Faren Rites Slated

Death came suddenly Tuesday to Frank Faren, 47, of 21408 Delores St., a member of a prominent Torrance area family.

Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. tomorrow evening at Stone and Myers Chapel and mass will be celebrated at the Church of Nativity Saturday morning at 11. Rev. P. J. McGuinness will officiate.

Mr. Faren, who operated his own feed store business, is survived by the widow, Mary, and two sons, Frank Jr., and James, and six brothers and six sisters. The brothers include Robert, Thomas, Mike, Joe, and William, all of Torrance, and Nick of Columbus, Ohio. Sisters are Mary Bennett, Lucille Marshall, June Eldridge, Gertrude Bishocci, and Ann McVay, all of Torrance, and Betty Barr of Los Angeles.

Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.